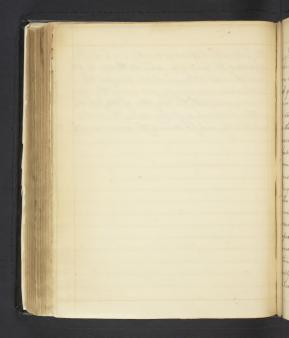
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## Introduction

The general importance attached to every sprider ie, the colensive ravages committed by the one which has so recently pervaded our country and harticularly the universal dominion it attained and exerted over Gettysburg and its recently, during the last three years whilst I was a student of med icino, claims a right to my inauguras ofsay. A pretend not to enlarge the bounds of medical science on shed new light on the poths of philoseph-- real inquiry, by developing its causes, displaying any new-law's or proclaiming any specific mithid of treatment, nor shall I wen attempt the more humble task of recording its history from et incoption as a simple intermittent in 1821, nor trace its varying Gome through continued, remottant and dy Senterie in 1822, but he confined to the obserbations I was enabled to make during the last years I will however premise, that its localities were the same in each year that is

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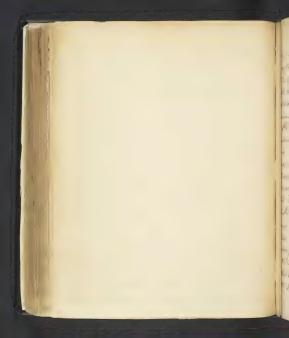
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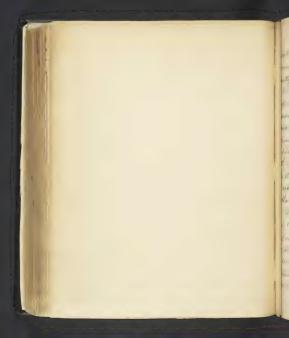
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Julph. Quinine was also employed in a number of cases. This of all other remedies was prescribes with the greatest contain ty of success. It appeared to operate like a chain in the "our of intermediate. In no case was more than from six to twelve gry mescapacy for a cure Marions other tonies were employed and with decided a doanlass. A combination of Gentian, Columbo, Supt, Rheutast, Sal Vartar and Cortise awant given in decootion appeared to agree with the stomach in weak and irritable states of that organ much better than the barks. Les. Miller informs me that in a number of easer he has given the Gart- magnesia with a most happy effect in the treatment of this com plaint. He gave it in does of a tea spoonful every hour or two, during both the intermission and paroxysmi.

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